than ordinary interest should be put in in full, and for that one Reporter would not suffice.

THE DEWAN promised to consider the question of appointing one more Kannada Reporter.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—(*Continued*).

MR. M. B. KAPPANNA GOWDA (Turuvekere Sub-Taluk).—

Q.—21. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The number of primary schools with the number of students who were studying in these schools in each district before the control over primary education was transferred from Government to the District Board?

(*b*) The number of schools that increased since the management was undertaken by the District Board with the number of students studying in these schools up to June 1933?

(*c*) The number of schools proposed for the fulfilment of the object of the Primary Education Regulation?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT.—

A.—21. (*a*) The number of primary schools in the State was 5,857 with a strength of 222,816 on 31st March 1931, *i.e.*, three months before the transfer of control was effected. Districtwar information is not readily available.

(*b*) Information is not readily available.

(*c*) As programmes of educational expansion have not yet been received from the Local Education Authorities, it is not possible to furnish this information.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. Kappanna Gowda.—

With reference to answer to (*c*), when did the Government ask the Local Education Authorities to send up their schemes of educational expansion?

Secretary to Government, General Department.—

About 1½ years back.

Mr. Kappanna Gowda.—

Have none of them sent up their schemes till now? If not, have you reminded them?

Secretary to Government, General Department.—

Very few have sent. We have reminded the others and they say that they want some more time.

Mr. Kappanna Gowda.—

What are the reasons given for the delay?

Secretary to Government, General Department.—

No reasons have been mentioned.

Mr. G. Girimaji Rao.—

Has not the Kolar District sent up the scheme?

Director of Public Instruction.—

Yes, but it had to be returned owing to certain defects.

Mr. K. M. Krishnappa Gowda.—

What was the reason for not furnishing the information asked for in (*b*)?

Secretary to Government, General Department.—

We did not get the information in time.

Mr. K. M. Krishnappa Gowda.—

It is nearly two years since the control over primary education was transferred to the local bodies. Will the Government take back the schools from their control in view of such an inordinate delay on their part in sending up the schemes?

Secretary to Government, General Department.—

That question does not arise.

Mr. K. M. Krishnappa Gowda.—

Already two years have elapsed since the schools were transferred to local bodies, and till now even the schemes have not been sent up. Would it be possible to work the scheme within the remaining 8 years?

Secretary to Government, General Department.—

That is why we are hurrying them up as far as possible.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Is not the delay in sending up the schemes due to want of funds in the District Boards?

Secretary to Government, General Department.—

Nobody has so far pleaded that difficulty.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Has not the Bangalore District Board brought that difficulty to notice?

Director of Public Instruction.—

No.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

If it takes two years to send up the schemes, how long would it take to actually work it up?

Director of Public Instruction.—

If money is available, there will be no difficulty. The District Boards want some time, and we have allowed it. We cannot coerce them simply because there are rules empowering us to do so. At the first stage, we can only remind them.

Capt. Y. V. Ayya.—

Even after some more time if the District Boards fail to send up the schemes, will the Government revert to the old order?

Director of Public Instruction.—

Such stringent action is not necessary. The suggestion will however be noted.

Mr. G. Mallanna.—

Is it not stipulated in the Regulation that the District Boards should send up their schemes of expansion within one year?

Director of Public Instruction.—

Yes, but the District Boards wanted time. Besides, some forms were not supplied to them in time.

Mr. G. Mallanna.—

Is it not a fact that the delay is due to the fact that the District Board Presidents have no time to attend to this work?

Director of Public Instruction.—

I do not know. We shall enquire if that is so.

Mr. H. K. Madaiya.—

How long is it since the Mysore District Board sent up its scheme? Why has it not been sanctioned yet?

Director of Public Instruction.—

Some time back they sent up a bare statement of the number of schools to be opened, but it was returned to them as it was not in the prescribed form.

Mr. H. K. Madaiya.—

Has it come to the notice of Government that the educational work has suffered owing to the fact that the District Board Presidents are Chairmen of the Local Education Authorities in the districts?

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Director of Public Instruction.—

No.

Mr. T. Mariappa.—

Is there no provision in the Regulation for Government themselves to take needful action if the District Boards fail to do it?

Director of Public Instruction.—

Yes; and that power will be exercised if there is need for doing so.

Mr. B. Sitharamaiya.—

The answer to (*b*) is that information is not available. Could they not furnish at least rough figures?

Second Member of Council.—

The rough figures up to 31st March 1933 are:—

No. of schools	...	...	6,063
No. of boys	...	...	234,192

Mr. B. Sitharamaiya.—

The department must be maintaining a register of new schools opened and so they could have well compiled full information *re.* the number of schools and number of students. Besides, Government are the sanctioning authority and so

they could have themselves furnished full information. In such circumstances, is it fair to say that information is not at all available?

Director of Public Instruction.—

The detailed figures will be compiled, printed and supplied to the members as soon as possible.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Has not the cause of education suffered on account of the delay in sanctioning schemes of educational expansion?

Director of Public Instruction.—

It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

Were not the Government responsible for primary education before the Elementary Education Regulation was enacted? Would it not be better, in the interests of the public, to revert to the old order?

Second Member of Council.—

It is a matter of opinion and not an interpellation.

Dewan.—

It is better we wait and see. This is a new organisation and it must be given every chance. Also there is the financial difficulty just now.

Mr. G. Mallanna.—

Is not the scheme likely to work satisfactorily if men who could devote more attention to the cause of education are appointed as Chairmen?

Mr. M. C. Linge Gowda.—

As the Regulation has not worked satisfactorily and has not been of any help to the public, the Member of Council in charge of the department and the Head of the department might consider how best relief could be given. Could this not be done within the next three or four months?

Dewan.—

I am inclined to think that Presidents of District Boards need not always be Chairmen of School Boards also. We

want as many others as possible to take a share in the work. We shall look into the matter.

Mr. H. Krishnamurthyachar.—

Out of the 6,063 schools how many are working satisfactorily?

Secretary to Government, General Department.—

Government have no information.

Mr. H. Krishnamurthyachar.—

If instances of any of those schools not working satisfactorily are brought to notice, will Government rectify the defects?

Secretary to Government, General Department.—

Certainly.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

In the last session of the Assembly, did not the Government promise to give additional grants for the expansion of primary education?

Director of Public Instruction.—

The promise was that if the Boards recommended the opening of schools in any place and were prepared to give their quota, Government would be glad to sanction them and also bear their own share of the expenditure. So far, the School Boards have not sent up any recommendations.

Mr. S. C. Malliah.—

Is 2½ years not a sufficient period?

Second Member of Council.—

There seems to be some difficulty. Otherwise there would not have been any delay. You are all District Board members. You had better try and hasten up matters.

Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddy.—

Are the Government aware that without proper financial arrangements no scheme could be worked satisfactorily?

Second Member of Council.—

The financial proposals also must follow the scheme. Both of them will have to go together.

Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddy.—

Can any District Board think of levying an additional cess at the present time?

Director of Public Instruction.—

If they cannot, they must say so. So far, no District Board has given that reason.

First Member of Council.—

It is on account of the financial position of the District Boards that the department is not pressing them to send up or work out their schemes.

Mr. K. Chengalaraya Reddy.—

Would it not be better for the Government themselves to take back the schools, increase their number and show some progress, even if it be by enhancing the cess which Government alone can do?

Dewan.—

We come back, then, to the same old thing.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—

Have not some of the District Boards sent up proposals for the enhancement of the education cess in lieu of railway cess?

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Has it come to the notice of the Government that the quota of municipalities which is being paid for expansion of primary education is being credited to the State fund?

Director of Public Instruction.—

No.

Mr. B. Gopalachar.—

Why not utilise at least the available funds for opening as many more schools as possible?

Director of Public Instruction.—

We shall consider the suggestion.

Mr. V. Venkatappa.—

Have not the Bangalore District Board sent up their scheme yet?

Director of Public Instruction.—

They had sent it, but the same has been returned to them since it was not in proper form.

Mr. V. Venkatappa.—

Are not the Government responsible for the delay in sending the necessary forms to the District Boards?

Director of Public Instruction.—

There is no idea of disowning the responsibility for that.

Mr. G. Channappa.—

Is it not a fact that the supply of two more forms is still due?

Director of Public Instruction.—

I do not think so.

MR. R. PUTTAVEERABHADRAPPA (Madhugiri Taluk).—

Q.—24. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Did not the Representative Assembly members of the Tumkur District bring to the notice of Government in their Representation No. 9 of October Session of 1931, the fact that the rate of assessment levied on wet and garden lands is high?

(*b*) Did not the Government promise to show suitable concession in this respect?

(*c*) From what year will the above concession be given effect to?

(*d*) Are not the Government aware of the hardship suffered by the raiyats in this respect?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.—

A—24. (*a*) and (*b*) The member's attention is drawn to the published proceedings. The representation was that only dry or wet rates might be levied in respect of garden